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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Announces Certification of Vote for November 8th Special Statewide Election

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Today, Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced the certification of results for the November 8th Special Statewide Election.

"I am pleased that more than half of California's registered voters turned out to participate in the process," said Secretary McPherson. "I commend the dedicated county elections officials whose hard work and professionalism once again facilitated a busy election year."

The statewide turnout represents 50.1% of registered voters, who cast their ballots on a host of initiatives and local elections around the state. Total number of ballots cast was 7,968,757. Of that, 3,183,614 votes were cast by absentee ballot, which represents 39.95% of the votes cast. Voters decided on the fate of statewide Propositions 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 and 80.

Secretary McPherson also reported voter registration at 15,891,482, 42.7% of which are Democrats, 34.8% of which are Republicans, and 18% decline to state a qualified political party.

Secretary McPherson added that a supplemental report from counties, due to be released early next year, will include the number of votes cast by political subdivision within each county followed by results for each Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and Board of Equalization district.

Final returns will be posted Monday morning on the Secretary of State's web site: www.ss.ca.gov. Hard copies are currently available at the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento.

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